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## Measuring & Recording Big Game Records

### What is the Purpose for Measuring Big Game?

The purpose of measuring Michigan's deer and elk antlers, bear skulls and the beards and spurs of turkeys is to record Michigan's finest examples of these trophies for posterity. These records make up outstanding representative examples of the big game species taken by sport hunters under fair chase hunting conditions as prescribed by Michigan law.

### How are these Records Utilized?

The records compiled by Commemorative Bucks of Michigan (CBM) provide vital conservation data that is scientifically applicable to assessing the status of Michigan's free ranging big game animals and the success of wildlife management programs and policies.

The records serve as *benchmarks* to statistically analyze and compare individual animals as well as the overall herd population.

CBM has a core group of over 150 trained measurers who serve on a volunteer basis throughout the state. They utilize the internationally recognized *Boone and Crockett* system of measuring and ranking big game trophies. The highly precise nature of this quantifiable system assures that the measurements and associated data are accurate, complete and scientifically appropriate.

### How are Hunters Recognized?

Along with recognizing outstanding big game specimens, CBM also recognizes the successful hunters who harvest them. This provides an ongoing report concerning the effectiveness of sport hunting as well as demographic and other data concerning hunters. This information is also an important tool in wildlife management.

Recognizing hunters also serves to continue the hunting heritage and encourages the outdoor life style. A special bonding often takes place. The result is that the hunter develops a deeper respect for the animals that are harvested, a deeper commitment to fair chase hunting and a willingness to introduce someone else to their sport.

Entries into the CBM Record Book are often referred to as Book Bucks. Their harvest is always a source of pride and accomplishment for the hunter. This is often reflected in their respect, treatment and care of the trophy mount. Recognizing both the animal and the hunter tends to bring out the very best in the hunter. It also helps present a positive image of hunter and sport hunting to the community at large.

*Recognizing Michigan's Trophy Bucks, Bears, Bulls and Toms.*